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ANC3C Resolution 2023-CONSENT

CONDEMN (Congressional Overreach Negates DC's Enfranchisement, Mandate, and Norms)

WHEREAS the District of Columbia is a self-governing state with a democratically elected Council and Mayor, responsible for enacting laws to address the unique needs and concerns of its residents.

WHEREAS in November 2016, an overwhelming majority of DC voters (86%) approved a referendum in support of legal recognition of statehood for the District, affirming our longstanding demand for equal representation and full democratic rights.

WHEREAS DC residents pay federal taxes and are subject to federal laws, yet we are denied the basic democratic rights that all other American citizens enjoy, such as voting representation in Congress.

WHEREAS the Local Resident Rights Amendment Act is a piece of legislation passed by the DC Council to protect the rights of DC residents to govern ourselves and make decisions that affect our lives.

WHEREAS the Revising Criminal Code Act was a decade-long project to reform arcane language of the DC Criminal Code and give a brief nod to a resemblance of compassion within a broken system.

WHEREAS the US Congress holds an unjust legal authority to overturn laws passed by the DC Council, as this infringes upon the autonomy and self-determination of the District and its residents.

WHEREAS the US House of Representatives exercised this unjust authority by passing H.J. Res. 26 and 24, overturning the Revised Criminal Code Act and the Local Residents Rights Amendment Act.

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of elected officials to uphold and defend the democratic principles of self-governance and local autonomy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3C condemns the actions of Congress in interfering with the autonomy and democratic mandate of the residents of the District of Columbia and affirms the importance of empowering *all* DC residents to make decisions about our own lives and communities without external interference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair, Commissioner for 3C01, and/or their designee(s) are authorized to represent ANC3C on this matter.

Attested by

Janell Pagats
Chair, on February 22, 2023

This resolution was approved by voice vote on February 22, 2023, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 8 commissioners) was present.